

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,
Title 2 and Title 17, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-103(b), is amended by adding the following to the end of the subsection:

The elections for chancellors, circuit court judges, criminal court judges, and judges of each state trial court of record must be nonpartisan.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-104, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a political party shall not require a person to pay a fee as a requirement to run as a candidate for that political party.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



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The executive committee of the Tennessee Republican Party has voted to impose fees on candidates seeking to run in GOP primaries. The vote was 33-22.

The fees are based on a sliding scale depending on the office sought. Here is what future Republican candidate will have to cough up when they file their papers:

- Governor: \$5,000.
- U.S. Senate: \$5,000.
- U.S. House: \$2,500.
- State Senate: \$1,000.
- State House: \$500.
- Judicial offices: \$500.
- Countywide elected offices: \$100.
- County Commission or Constable: \$25.